WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

DPEP in Jharkhand

*124. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Jharkhand where District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is being implemented at present;

(b) the criteria for selection of districts and to monitor the progress under DPEP in each district of the State:

(c) whether Government have monitored the progress made under this programme in each district of the State;

(d) if so the details thereof:

(e) the funds allocated for each district of the State under the Programme; and

(f) the steps proposed by Government to attract more students to get benefits under this Programme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is currently implemented in Chatra, Dumka, East Singhbhum, Hazaribagh, Ranchi and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand State:

(b) to (d) The selection of districts for DPEP is based on the following criteria.

(i) educationally backward districts with female literacy below the national average;

(ii) districts where Total Literacy Campaigns (TLC) has been successful leading to enhanced demand for elementary education.

The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) was

introduced/expanded in the country in different phases. Final evaluation of the programme will be undertaken only after conclusion of the project period. DPEP was extended to the undivided State of Bihar in Phase III, which is likely to conclude in March, 2003. The programme is periodically reviewed through the mechanism of Joint Review Missions, Project Management Information System (PMIS), Educational Management Information System (EMIS), programme impact studies, etc. A mid-term-in-depth review of DPEP in the State of Jharkhand has also been carried out. Reviews and studies conducted have shown that the programme has resulted in significant increase in enrolment; improvement in learning achievements; reduction in repetition rates; increased community involvement; improvement in class-room processes; etc. However, these reviews also suggest the need to fill up sanctioned teacher posts; timely supply of teaching-learning material; completion of Civil Works; filling up of sanctioned posts at State/District level office, etc. for improvement of the Programme. Progress in implementation of the Programme has been reviewed with the implementing agencies of Jharkhand for appropriate action.

(e) Funds allocated to each educational district of the State during the current year by the Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi under District Primary Education Programme are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of District	Funds allotted
Chatra	222.00
Dumka	210.00
East Singhbhum	222.00
Hazaribagh	195.00
Ranchi	257.00
West Singhbhum	207.00
SPO, Ranchi	24.11
Total	**1337.11**

(f) The following steps are taken under DPEP to attract more students under this programme:

- Opening of new schools.

- Joyful Teaching and learning method.
- Mobilisation of the community.
- Inclusive education and provision of aids and appliances to disabled children.
- Distribution of free text books to deprived focus group children like SC/ST and girl children.
- Periodical Bal Melas and enrolment drives launched to attract children.
- Provision of child-friendly elements in schools.

Crime against women in trains

*125. **SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime against women in trains have increased; and

(b) if so, the details of such crimes and harassment for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) "Policing" being a State Subject, prevention and detection of crime on Railways including in running trains is the Constitutional responsibility of State Governments. However, information available with this Ministry indicates that there is no increase in crime against women in trains. The details are given below:

Year	No. of cases reported
2000-01	48
2001-2002 (Upto Jan. 2002 only)	35